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To: JKA member countries
JKA member organizations

From: IZUMIYA Seizo
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Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association

RE: Registration of JKA Overseas Members and JKAWF Annual fee

Dear Members,

We are pleased to inform that Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association (PIIAJKA) has revised the Membership Category specified in the Article 3, clause 5 of our Article of Incorporation based on the voting in the General Meeting held in June 2021.

By this revision, we are to make clear the legal status of JKA members based on our Article of Incorporation, and also we are to reconsider the JKAWF annual membership fee that has been paid by the Country Representatives / Organizations. Please go through the following summary on this.

1. Membership registration as system

Until now, the status of individual overseas members was not legally specified in the articles of incorporation, but from now on, as shown below in the articles of incorporation, they will be officially registered as a "specific member" that are registered through country or organization under "Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association", the Cabinet Office-approved organization.

(1)Overseas members* shall be “specific members” and be a member of the Cabinet Office-approved “Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association”.

*Overseas members: The individuals who became members of the overseas organizations that are authorized to use “JKA” by JKA HQ.

(2)Not only Country Representatives, all overseas organizations shall be supporting members of Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association by the permission of using the name of “JKA”. (by “the name permission rule”)



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2.Implement Member registration

Based on the above change of the Article of Incorporation, overseas members are to be registered as JKA member by following condition.

- (1) All members in the JKA organization are eligible.
Implementation will be proceeded step by step. We will start from the members who have JKA Black belts and are to be registered as Sho-Dan. Gradually others will also be registered.
- (2) Annual fee should be 5USD per person. Sho-Dan registration member should pay +5US\$ with that for the first year.
- (3) The Expiration date is from January to December except the first registration year.
- (4) The membership fee should be collected by the Countries and organizations and paid to JKA.
- (5) All the valid members have rights of entry to the events held by JKA such as Championships, Dan grading, Qualification test and Camps.
- (6) The individual registration practice which have been conducted since 2015 will be merged and changed the name to this individual membership registration system.

3.Change of JKAWF Annual membership fee system

Following to those changes, the JKAWF annual membership fee payment system will also be reconsidered.

The key points are as below;

- (1) Till today, the JKA WF annual membership fee has been paid by the Country or authorized organizations. From now on, as described in above that “As for overseas organizations, not only Country representatives, all organizations can be supporting members of Public Interest Incorporated Association Japan Karate Association by using name of JKA or being authorized to use the name”, all the organizations under the Countries or organizations should pay the supporting membership fee.
- (2) Such supporting membership branches, clubs or Dojos (here under called Branch) are officially allowed to use the name of Japan Karate Association or JKA or the logos. (Name permission). The purpose is to eliminate fraudulent organizations and provide higher status for branches by distinguishing authorized organization and others.
- (3) For the time being, the annual fee will be 100US\$ or 300US\$ based on the each country’s situation, and paid through Countries or organization to JKA HQ. In the future, all branches granted name permission should bear the fee based on their actual situation through the Countries or Organizations. By doing so, we will be able to reduce the burden of the Countries or Organizations, and strengthen the membership in the branches and encourage to be more active.
- (4) Please submit the list of branches to provide the name permission to JKA HQ. Prior to the payment by the branches, JKA HQ will provide the name permission to the branches in the list.



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As we informed recently, the examination fees and registration fees will be changed from July 2022 as attached due to the impact of soaring prices and depreciation of the yen.

Thank you very much for your kind understanding and cooperation.

Best regards,

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